

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an optical information recording medium with favorable signal reproduction characteristics that comprises a substrate, a reflective layer and a protective layer, and performs playback by allowing a laser beam for signal playback to enter via the protective layer, wherein the substrate is provided with a phase pit array for holding information. Each phase pit of the phase pit array is formed as a cavity which is reentrant as viewed from the entrance side of the signal playback laser beam.